

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE CATCH LIMIT DOUBLES AT PILGRIM RIVER**

Over 9,000 sockeye salmon have now passed the Pilgrim River weir. Run timing projections show a final count of between 15,000 and 20,000 sockeye salmon for the season. The 2013 sockeye salmon run to Salmon Lake is the best since the collapse of 2009 and the department is doubling the season subsistence sockeye salmon catch limit for Pilgrim River from 25 to 50 sockeye salmon effective Friday, July 19.

Subsistence salmon permit holders who have already turned in their permits at the Nome Fish & Game office can pick them up if they want to fish at Pilgrim River again.

Since the sockeye salmon run crashed in 2009, subsistence salmon fishing closures have been necessary the last four years. This year the run has improved enough to allow for additional harvest and still reach the spawning goal of 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey at Salmon Lake.

Elsewhere in Norton Sound the department has observed an improvement in the chum salmon run and silver salmon are beginning to appear in fishermen's catches and at some escapement counting projects.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound this season:

North River: 300 kings, 3,000 chums, 18,000 pinks  
Unalakleet River: 570 kings, 63,000 chums, 20,000 pinks, 125 sockeyes, 150 silvers  
Shaktoolik River: 2,000 kings, 36,000 chums, 12,000 pinks  
Inglutalik River: 3,400 kings, 42,000 chums, 37,000 pinks  
Kwiniuk River: 9 kings, 5,000 chums, 2,200 pinks  
Solomon River: 450 chums, 200 pinks  
Eldorado River: 15,000 chums, 200 pinks  
Nome River: 1,400 chums, 900 pinks, 4 sockeyes, 3 silvers  
Snake River: 1,200 chums, 200 pinks  
Glacial Lake: 2,000 sockeyes  
Pilgrim River: 6 kings, 5,600 chums, 200 pinks, 9,300 sockeyes

Good Luck and Good Fishing.